Rev.2:7 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith to the churches.

THEME:- What must the church do to save itself?

INTRO:-

A. The Influence of Xty recognized.

I. Report by Dr. Zeller, of the Statistical Bureau of (Stuttgart.

1,544,510,000.....Population of the world.

534,940,000.....Xns.
175,290,000.....Muhammadans
10,860,000.....Jews.
834,280,000.....other beliefs.

300,000,000 Confucianists.
214,000,000 Brahmanists
121,000,000 Buddhists.

For every 1000 there are
346 Xns
114 Jews Muhammadans
533 Other religions.

II. Xty's influence over all Eastern and Western Civilization-
China, Japan, India. Industry, courts, schools.

III. Xty's influence over other religions.

Neo-Hinduism in India
Neo-Buddhism in Japan

IV. The Moral and Social progress of Xn Nations has largely been inspired by the Xn Ideal.

B. The Church, on the Continent and in America, has not the same influence over the masses as it had a century ago.

I. A growing indifference and an increasing hostility towards the church,

1. Social Democracy indifferent towards, and even contemptuous of the church.
England an exception.

2. Modern accounts of our Civilization trace its progress and growth to other than Xn sources.

II. The Xn Ideal is being boldly challenged.

1. Secularism, Positivism, Socialism, The Ethecical Movement, Nietche Philosophy.

2. Xty in Europe like a vineyard that has been blighted by the scourge of the vine.

III. Modern substitutes for Historical Xty.

Spiritualism, Theosophy, New Thot, Xn Science, the Oriental cults.

Conclusion: What, then, must the church do to save itself?

I. The Church must realize its present opportunity in the Foreign Missionary Enterprise.

1. All parts of the world now in touch with one another and all are interdependent.

2. Shall civilization be shaped by Western or Eastern rule?

3. The world must be Xnized if Xty is to live.

II. The church must recognize the urgent necessity of social reform.

It must cease its opposition to it
It should be a leading influence in it

III. The church must seek the spiritual unity of its churches

Holding onto the grape-vine

IV. The church must restate the principles of the Gospel to meet the needs and demands of today. Flowers new? or old?

1. The estrangement of the cultured classes.

2. ,, ,, ,, ,, laboring masses.

± Ceasing all opposition to human progress the Church must increase its working efficiency, this should be congregation —

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WHAT MUST THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH DO TO SAVE ITSELF?

INTRO:-

A. The strength of the Xn Church.

1. In numbers. Mr. Fuller's Report of the International Bureau of Christ Statistics

1,544,510,000	Inhabitants of the world
534,940,000	Christians
300,000,000	Confucianists
214,000,000	Brahmanists
175,290,000	Muhammadans
121,000,000	Buddhists
10,860,000	Jews
188,420,000	Unclassified

For every 1000 people
346 are Christians
114 are Muhammadans
7 are Jews
533 are of all other religions.

2. In Influence, world-wide.

a/ all parts of the earth have been brot in contact with Christendom thru conquest, colonization, and commerce.

b/ European civilization which has been largely influenced by Xty is affecting the life of the entire world.

c/ Neo-Hinduism in India and Neo-Buddhism in Japan are attempts to stay the progress of Xty by adapting ancient Hinduism and Buddhism to modern thot and needs.

3. The Xn Ideal has largely inspired and directed the moral and social reforms within the Xn nations themselves.

Improved moral and social conditions
and better international relations.

2. The Saving of the Xn Church.

B. The Apparent Weakening of the Christian Church.

I. The Church as an institution has not the same hold on the people as it had a century ago.

1. On the Continent of Europe the Xn churches by adhereing to and upholding existing social and governmental systems, have made enemies of the of the social and political reformers. Social Democracy as a rule holds Xty in contempt and hates it outright.

In Great Britain most Labor representatives in the House of Commons are favorable inclined towards the Church, some active in it.

In the U.S. there is a growing indifference on the part of the men towards the Church.

2. The Clergy, both Catholic and Protestant, have lost much of their influence.

3. Men of culture and civilization are persuading themselves that the Xn Church has in the past been and still is the great hindrance to human progress.

II. Modern society is being offered a guidance which claims to be better than the old worn-out Christian one.

Secularism, Positivism, Socialism, The Ethical Movement.

Social Democracy in Germany takes Haekel's world-view.

Nietsche's Anti-Xn morality---the devaluation of all values.

3. The saving of the Xn Church.

C. Attempts to adapt Xty to modern conditions.

1. Modernism in the Roman Catholic Church and Liberalism in the Protestant Church.

2. Modern socialization of Historic Xty.
The Xn Ideal its basis. Christ the First Socialist.

3. Modern substitutes for Historic Xty.
a/ Spiritualism, Theosophy, Xn Science, New Thot.
b/ Brahmanism, Buddhism, and even Islam are being offered in the place of Xty.

NEVERTHELESS THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH FACES ITS FUTURE WITHOUT FEAR FOR IT KNOWS WHOM IT HAS BELIEVED.

BODY:- What must the Christian Churc do to hold its own and win the world to Christ?

I. It must finish the work of its present Missionary Enterprise.

II. It must bring about a unity of its churches.

III. It must cease its opposition to social reform and itself become a leading influence in it.

IV. It must restate the Xn Gospel to meet modern requirements.

The estrangement between it and the cultured classes and the toiling masses must be overcome.

CONCLUSION:- In its readjustment the Xn Church must guard against compromising with evil and unbelief.